

DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgement is made of amendment filed 2/25/09.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mirut Dalal on 3/26/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In drawing:
 - (1) Insert the descriptive labels 510, 515 and 517 for the boxes in figure 5 of drawing.
2. In Amended specification:
 - (1) On page 2, [0023.1], lines 14, insert "**517**" after - - the reference block--;
 - (2) On page 3, [0025], line 5, delete "**µp**" after - - data processing device - - ;
 - (3) On page 3, [0025], line 7, delete "**µp**" after - - data processing device - - ;
3. In claims:
 - (1) In claim 20, line 2, delete "**another**" after - - the decoded - - ;

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-9,11-17and 19-26 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior arts of record Linzer et al (US 2004/0100577 A1), Ju et al (20040155883, Lavelle et al (US 20020171653) do not disclose storing the data in the machine readable memory device a second time at a second memory address, the second memory address having a second alignment with respect to the burst boundaries, the second alignment offset from the first alignment relative to the burst boundaries, the offset sufficient to enable selection for retrieval of the data from the first alignment or second alignment and decoding a frame with a video decoder using at least a portion of the data, wherein the data represents at least one reference frame.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELENE TAYONG whose telephone number is (571)270-1675. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Liu Shuwang can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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